**June 16, 2023**

**CoC Business Meeting Minutes**

**9:00am-10:15am**

**Recording:** [https://youtu.be/fliHQzZEofw](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FfliHQzZEofw&data=05%7C01%7Csgrimaldi%40addressthehomeless.org%7C735b41cd2380463fe21008db6e8c98b5%7Cf51f2c5ee8a74a2e83b60dcd7fc3081f%7C0%7C0%7C638225324321463783%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=J3NgYzx1kMxowzuCyO24vqAvNC%2FFtJ24Kt%2B%2F3747Sas%3D&reserved=0)

**Attendees listed at end of document**

**CoC Updates**

* 2023 CoC Funding Round
  + NOFO stated to be released by HUD in “May or June.” HUD has now release the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) to be worked on by the CoC Collaborative Applicant. LICH staff believe, from communication with other national partners that the NOFO will be released towards the end of June, and within the next two weeks.
* Ranking Committee Updates
  + Mike Giuffrida overview of committee. The ranking committee is a committee of elected participants that do not represent agencies that receive CoC funds The Ranking Committee has started convening ahead of the anticipated NOFO release. Specifically, the Ranking Committee has been reviewing the CoC renewal scorecard from the 2022 CoC funding round. There have been some updates made to the 2023 CoC renewal scorecard, based on considerations from last year and new data and information on local needs and challenges. Working on final adjustments for renewal performance score card, will be releasing the CoC renewal scorecard to the full CoC today or Tuesday.
  + Deirdre Trumpy, Ranking Committee meeting member further explained that functions of the Ranking Committee as the entity that helps determine local expectations and competitive ranking based on local need and is in the role of reviewing performance ranking for each CoC-funded program as well as reviewing any new application submitted for CoC funding. We analyze what gaps exist in our CoC and look at what programs we need to help close those gaps.
  + No questions
* CoC Monitoring Committee Updates
  + Working on a tool that will be specific to recipients of the program & looking at developing satisfaction survey for the recipients and those served under these programs
    - 2 Major differences this year is that it used to be only CoC planning staff involved in the monitoring process. This year electing monitoring committee that is a more balanced of CoC Planning staff that are familiar with HUD regulations and how programs must operate and those with lived experience and people that represent marginalized communities.

Group Monitoring will be held July 11 2:00pm-3:30pm

Presentation from the new monitoring committee

Individual Monitoring July – February

* Reaching out to individual agencies that are highest priority for monitoring, for example
  + if an agency is being funded but has never been monitored,
  + programs that ranked lowest last year
  + programs that have had individual challenges on a participant level,
  + programs that may not be following the model of Housing First
* CoC Voice of the Participant Survey June 16
  + Greta Guarton, LICH: explained the goal of the CoC Voice of the Partner Survey, which was to solicit more feedback from all persons on how the CoC can better share and offer resources, and form committees and groups to address various challenges. The survey will be sent out today, 6/16, and will remain open for two weeks, until 6/30. The group was strongly encouraged to participate and give honest feedback, Survey respondents are not required to share their name if they choose to be anonymous. Explained the feedback from this survey to help inform the final version of the proposed new charter. Greta encouraged this survey to be share with others in your network. Stating perspective is important.
  + Mike: Be brutally honest. Can be anonymous.
* Summer PIT- July 31
  + Mike Giuffrida, LICH: While our CoC typically conducts one homeless count a year, in January, we will be conducting a summer count this year, to seek to identify more people, better understand seasonal impacts and learn more about the needs of the rising number of people living outside in our community. Groups or individuals will be able to register to volunteer. No one is required to participate except for staff of LICH. Following registration, there will be a training, and the count will occur on Monday, 7/31. Planning will be done with the CoC’s Street Outreach Committee.
    - Summer PIT Registration(shared in meeting chat): <https://forms.gle/1cZmnz6z2xQcvjgV9>

**Community Discussion-**

* CoC Unmet Needs Survey Results
* Mike Giuffrida, LICH, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the survey results from the CoC. Mike stated that the PowerPoint would be shared with the full CoC following the CoC Business meeting. Mike explained the purpose was to understand what people in the community are experience and setting priorities for potential new funds.
  + - Who completed the survey? 53 staff and volunteers from non profits, 13 people with current or lived experience of homelessness, 7 people from faith based organizations, 5 unaffiliated community members.
      * Noted in the future would like to see more feedback representative of the population and other members.
    - Results:
    - What is the greatest unmet need for people experience homelessness? Affordable housing. Additionally, income that matches the cost of income.
      * Feedback/Perspective from Lived Experience advisory board perspective: barriers from the lived experience advisory board: Shelter structure system—shelter payment standards, lack of respect and dignity, lack of reasonable accommodation, difficult to access services that meet needs. Feeling very bounced around.
    - What are the most effective supports to help people exit homelessness quickly: 1.Employment & benefits, obtaining ID & documentation, 2. Assistance with housing search, 3. Assistance with housing applications, problem solving/diversion
      * Lived Experience Perspective: Advocacy, connection to resources, computer access, transportation. Have a better coordinated approach.
    - What are the most effective supports to help keep people housed once they exit homelessness? 1.Increasing income through employment and benefits, 2 health and/or mental health services, 3 budgeting and financial literacy(need for trauma informed)
      * PLE Perspective: Mental health supports, consistent support, on site services, education. “People that can oversee care so that people don’t become homeless again and so they don’t get lost in the system”
    - What are the most effective supports to place people into housing and ensure long-term housing stability after temporary rental assistance? Increasing income through employment and benefits, health and or mental health services, budgeting and financial literacy.
      * PLE perspective: Within financial support: financial literacy, arrears programs, safety net programs, credit repair
      * Counseling, ongoing support, education
    - Which CoC funded permanent housing programs are needed most locally? 58.8% PSH, 23.5% TR-RRH, 17.6% RRH,
      * PLE perspective: Need for all, in order to provide individualized resources with different levels of support.
  + Subpopulations that have the greatest unment needs in our community: Re-entry, aging adults, people with disabilities
  + Key takeaways: Greatest need overwhelmingly was affordable housing and the need for more holistic and comprehensive supports. Major service gaps in case management during transition and post move.

**Training and Education**

-LBGT Rights / Equal Access Rule: The Equal Access Rule is an area that the CoC is responsible for providing training on. Our CoC wanted to be more expansive with this specific training. This training was originally going to be presented briefly during a CoC Business meeting, however, CoC feedback demonstrated the desire for more time and space to be created around this topic and discussion. This training will now be offered as a standalone training, scheduled for Friday, June 23 from 11:30am- 1:00pm, via Zoom. The training link was also shared during the meeting and will be sent out again to the full CoC.

-McKinney-Vento: CoC planning staff are also working on a training on McKinney-Vento, that will be presented during the August CoC meeting. Additionally, the CoC will be presenting on obtaining benefits at the July CoC meeting.

-Keys for the Homeless Conference: Valerie Chamberlain shared that the focus of the 2023 Keys Conference will be focused on centering the voices of persons with lived experience. The date and location of the event are still to be determined, but the planning committee may need to send out solicitation for presenters soon. Mike reminded members that when considering any PLEs that may be interested in presenting, that the CoC is still actively seeking more participants on the CoC PLE Advisory Board, which meets monthly (remote) and all members are compensated for their time.

**General Announcements / Open Share**

* Greta Guarton, LICH:
* RFP was just emailed out for INSET funding
* Also noted that No Peer Specialist specific to Homeless lived experience, something we may want to consider bringing to NY states attention.

Mike Giuffrida:

* The CoC has convened two new working groups; one group to discuss the recent local steps towards decriminalization of homelessness, and a group focused on tiny home development as a way to address homelessness.

There was an acknowledgement of the Juneteenth holiday, on Monday 6/19.

**Attendance:**

Alexis Goglas - LICH

Angel Macchia, Nassau County OCD/ESG

Angelina Lunati LICH EHV Case Manager

Banghee Chi, Federation of Organizations

Barbara Davis, The INN

Brian Cohen: SAIL, Inc

Bishop E. Edward Robinson II

Cara Cantor, Hope For Youth

Carrie Garcia, Case Manager LICH

Catherine Albanese, Family Service League.

Chanee Hammonds, Wyandanch Homes and Property Development Corporation Christopher Ferraiolo Catholic Charities

Colleen Juran, TSLI-HHB

Cori Crocilla PSEG LI Consumer Advocate [cori.crocilla@pseg.com](mailto:cori.crocilla@pseg.com)

Darlene Marsala

Deirdre Trumpy, MOMMAS House

Diane Krasnoff, Bethany House of Nassau County

Dimitri Honorat - United Veterans Beacon House

Dolores Kordon from Brighter Tomorrows.

Drena Collins, Supportive Housing Program Director for SAIL

Dulce Rodriguez- Circulo de la Hispanidad-Housing advocate

Elizabeth Bazini from the Safe Center

Eira Severino. SOW, LICH

Erin Basham, Options for Community Living

Greta Guarton, Long Island Coalition for the Homeless

Holly Richards Mosby FREE

Jamie Haruthunian - Nassau County DSS.

Javerea Komal - Assistant Director - MTA Head Quarters Homeless Program Office

Jessica Labia, Coordinated Entry System Manager at LICH- [jlabia@addressthehomeless.org](mailto:jlabia@addressthehomeless.org)

Judelca Batista- Reyes, Long Island Coalition for the Homeless

Justin Hornung - Suffolk County Community Development

Kathleen Gavigan LICH

Kelly Sampson, United Veterans Beacon House

Kristin Ohrtman, HELP Suffolk

Lorraine Baum CN Guidance and Counseling Services

Madeline Walton SAIL

MaryEllen Adams Hope For Youth

Melissa Amodeo- Options for Community Living

Mohini Mishra- Selfhelp Community Services

Nicole Belfiore— Family Service League

Raymond Weinmeier-Bridges of Greater New York

Ricky Demirakos - SAIL

Robert O’Donnell EOC Suffolk

Rose M. Cicchetti LICH

Roxzelle Bannerman-Martin LICH

Ruth McDade, MHAW

Salina Barnao, New Ground

Sam polins LICH

Samantha Barone Sanctuary Project Huntington Youth Bureu

Samantha Grimaldi - Long Island Coalition for the Homeless

Savitri Choon, Program Director, CHI

Shirely Lara, EOC-Suffolk

Stephanie Reed, LI Coalition for the Homeless

Stephen Brazeau from Hope House Ministries.

Thalia Olaya from The Retreat

Valerie Champerlen FSL

Vicki McGinn from Suburban Housing

Wayne Scallon, HMIS Supervisor at the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless.